

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 10, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Tuesday, May 10th, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, and Deborah Adams, Auditor, in attendance. Leigh Morning, County Attorney was absent.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 29th meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CERT

Ernie Otte, and Heather English of CERT Rush County (Community Emergency Response Team) appeared before the commissioners upon the urging of EMA director Mike Ooley to seek the support of the commissioners in regards of their desire to apply for the Rush County Community Foundation Grant. The commissioners gave the CERT group their support in regards of seeking the Community Foundation Grant.

Otte and English indicated their desire to meet with the auditor to further discuss the CERT team and the OCRA grant monies. Auditor Deborah Adams will meet with Otter and English at 3:00 later that day.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Duane Raab, who stepped in at the absence of Sheriff Jeff Sherwood, reported forty-two (42) inmates currently being housed in the Rush County jail. Two (2) inmates are sentenced and forty (40) are pre-sentenced.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reported that the county will receive and additional \$256,000.00 of federal money on Bridge #143, located on County Road 725 West over Mudd Creek.

Sitton also updated the commissioners on Bridge #116, located on County Road 500 North over Little Blue River

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, presented payroll claims for approval for the period ending May 14th. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Adams informed the commissioners that she will be attending the Spring State Board of Accounts called County Auditors meeting in Fort Wayne May 26 through May 28. Tuesday will be classes sponsored by the Auditors Association.

Adams reminded all in attendance that today was the final due day for payment of property taxes.

OCRA GRANT

Deborah Adams, Auditor, reported that she has received notification from Auditor of State that the OCRA grant monies should be arriving within the week. The notice from the Auditor of State office reflects a payment of \$108,012.64. Adams referred to a letter dated March 29, 2010 that states *the grant Administration cost of \$1,500.00 will be deducted from The final drawdown to the Rush County Commissioners. The total grant award will now be \$108,012.64.*

Adams concern surrounded the \$1,500.00 claim that she had been instructed to prepare and process during the April 12 commissioner meeting for administration cost. The commissioners instructed Adams to wait and hold onto the \$1,500.00 claim until Mike McDaniel the Grant Administrator asks for the money. Adams asked what fund was this money to be deducted. No response was received.

COURTHOUSE

The commissioners signed the courthouse heating and cooling maintenance contract with Turnkey on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried. Deborah Adams questioned as to equipment listing that she attached to the contract, since it was only a brief listing that was supplied with the bid documents. Adams noted that the detailed equipment listing was what QPH compiled and attached to their contract.

Tom Barnes asked Adams to forward a copy of the detailed equipment listing that is attached to the QPH contract to each commissioner. Barnes reported that this is what he used during the walk through with Turnkey. Barnes will contact Turnkey to come to the auditor's office to sign the contract and begin work.

Barnes reported that J.R. Wortman Co from Morristown recently did a smoke test on the courthouse plumbing to test for sewer gas leaks. Three (3) leaks were discovered:

- 8" drain line had a 3" hole drilled

- Cap on a vent was loose

- One elbow fitting was loose

COUNTY BUILDING/PROPERTY INSURANCE

Tom Barnes reported that he did a walk through with a representative from EMC insurance. Barnes reviewed areas of possible savings to the county:

- Leave off the 5% to 6% automatic annually increase, since some properties do not increase in values
- Remove from the policy \$25,000.00 for missing buildings in county.
- Writers recommend removal of the insuring of the 210,000 for lost, stolen road signs, lights, fencing around the highway property, since nothing has been turned in the past.

Barnes noted that this could bring a possible savings of \$1,500.00 to the county. Barnes finished by explaining that everything would be wait upon hearing from Schroeder's Insurance as to if the trending of the automatic 5% to 6% increase could be left off the policy.

EMA

Tom Barnes reported in the absence of Mike Ooley, EMA Director, that the repairs of the recall of the Ford 1 ton truck that the county purchased for \$1.00 has been completed.

Verlin Custer has reported that the backup base radio at the Raleigh Fire Dept has a display light out. Motorola looked at the radio and said it would cost approximately \$500.00 to repair. Ooley has elected to not repair. The screen is still visible, but is hard to see. Verlin Custer is clear on this decision.

Ooley has met with Chris Burris, IDHA on the counties continuing performance evaluation. Everything is still on schedule

Barnes reported that the deal by another party to purchase the building that currently houses the EMA equipment has fallen through and the EMA dept will not need to move any equipment.

Ken Masters questioned Deborah Adams as to if she had prepared the letter regarding the surplus military equipment as requested during the April 26 meeting. Adams informed the commissions that since she was absent from the April meeting she is currently waiting on information for the letter content from Mike Ooley.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Bill Todd questioned the Commissioners and any members present of the Insurance committee as to what is going on with the employee health insurance. Jerry Sitton, chairman of the Insurance Committee informed Todd that the county has only changed insurance brokers. A memo will be attached with the upcoming paychecks to employees participating in the county offered health insurance.

MISC.

- Reviewed run report received from Raleigh Fire Dept
- Jr. Williams of Rushville asked for contact information for rental of the Walker Twp Conservation Bldg and the Rushville Twp. Conservation Club

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters, Marvin Cole seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor

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